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# The Public Library and Community Recreation

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*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defines the word *library* as "an apartment or a building devoted to a collection of books, manuscripts, etc., kept for use but not for sale; also an institution for the custody, circulation or administration of such a collection. A collection of books, manuscripts, etc., kept for study or reading."

The word *recreation* is defined as "a recreating; refreshment of strength and spirits after toil; diversion or a mode of diversion; play."

Webster's definitions of *library* and *recreation* would meet with the limited approval of people engaged in either the library or the recreation field. Each would wish to add further information to obtain a complete and satisfactory definition. As the definition is completed, the close association between recreation and the library comes to light.

Recreation is everybody's business. It represents satisfying, successful and happy experience. It is what the individual wants to do, when and how he wants to do it, and at his own speed and rhythm. The role of recreation, organized or individualized, in modern society is well established as constituting a major force in personal and social well-being. We have seen a constant increase in the needs for, the uses of, and the values derived from recreation. Along with education, religion, health and work, recreation has taken its place as an essential process in molding individual personalities and creating a richer life for everyone; it involves every member of the state, young and old alike. It is clear that recreation means more than sandboxes and swings, playgrounds and ball diamonds. It may mean athletics to one, hobbies to another, nature and its accompanying wonder and beauty to a third, relaxing with a favorite book in a shady spot to a fourth—each has his own idea and plan for personal recreation. In general, the value of recreation may include:

1. Personal satisfaction and enjoyment.
2. Personal improvement in the activity chosen.
3. Wise use of leisure time.

How does the library aid in the values of recreation? Let's consider the five points in the general value of recreation:

1. *Personal satisfaction and enjoyment:* The individual's satisfaction and enjoyment are essential to his becoming interested in an activity. The library may provide personal satisfaction to the borrower just by lending him a book to read for pleasure. However, for the individual who has a specific interest such as the hobby of astronomy, the library has not only books, but pamphlets, magazine articles, and periodicals and, in larger libraries, perhaps even classes devoted to astronomy and other specific hobbies. Public interest furnishes the impetus: in cooperation with the local recreation program, school, or civic group, the library can provide the fulfillment of this interest.

2. *Personal improvement in the activity chosen:* With the availability of materials, supplemented by individual possession, such activities as lectures, discussions, research, or hobby shows, will probably result. Personal improvement will follow regardless of personal realization. Where a similar interest is the link, whether it is a hobby, athletics, or any other recreation activity, group contact will result in personal improvement in the activity chosen. Individual differences will provide for personal improvement. The library is a source of information on any activity in the recreation field.

3. *Wise use of leisure time:* With our continued increase of leisure time it is necessary to consider every possible source for its proper use. Taking into account the fact that librarians in larger communities have the advantages of larger staffs, more source materials, bigger budgets, and other influential factors, it is still important to consider the activities made available by metropolitan libraries. The special attention of librarians should be given to the programs carried on by the Minneapolis Public Library. Granted that in smaller communities it is not possible to promote even a small percentage of these activities, the alert librarian will wish to utilize the information as a basis for the maximum use of the local library for recreational purposes. Without

a doubt it will be necessary to use volunteer help in many instances; but organizations such as The Friends of the Library are willing to work on projects that have public interest. Wouldn't this also be a method of promoting further public interest in a local Recreation Program? How about volunteer help from the Future Teachers of America? (This is the organization whose members plan to make education their life work.) They could be a great help in library programs such as the story hour, music appreciation, and hobby study. High school students who are part-time workers in either the public or the school library are another source of volunteer leadership for library activities in the recreation field.

4. *Improvement of physical, mental and moral health:* The improvement of mental and moral health in library activities in the recreational field is accepted without question. What about physical health and the library? Returning again to the field of hobbies, the library can and does offer resource and research material in hobby fields, providing knowledge that increases the enjoyment of activities carried on elsewhere. Consider nature study. Pictures and information from the library enhance one's pleasure, but where does one find greatest enjoyment? In nature itself, out of doors. Hiking through the woods, working in the garden, planting shrubs, walking along the shore of a lake, climbing a hill—all these add to the improvement of physical health. Studying the experts' suggestions for playing baseball, football, ping-pong, or golf—then going out and practicing, learning rules for games, or finding better ways of mixing paint for woodwork, more eco-

nomical methods of building a pushmobile, or making water-paint mixtures for finger and spatter painting—all this information can be found in the library, but the actual carrying out of the project elsewhere will result in the improvement of physical, mental, and moral health.

5. *Growth in citizenship:* The use of information found in the library results in the broadening of social outlook. The associations made in research, the personal contact with people having similar fields of interest, the friendly competition that may result, the fuller realization of what the library has to offer—all lead to personal and group growth in citizenship. The realization of what the library, as a source of information and help, can do in the recreation field is limited only by the efforts the librarian expends in planning her program and bringing her plans to the attention of the public. Using the library can help them grow in citizenship.

May I recommend to everyone in the field of recreation careful study of the following articles. Some of the projects described will be found to be impractical because of local problems but there are many possibilities for inclusion in a given recreation program. Possibly some of the ideas suggested will stimulate people outside the recreation field to carry on projects that have proved successful elsewhere so that even the community without a recreation program may benefit. I hope that the information provided will stimulate greater activity and a more diversified program, with the resulting opportunity of enjoying life to its fullest possibilities.

# Recreation and the Library

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The average community of 10,000 people has about 25,000,000 hours of leisure per year. The majority of this free time is consumed apart from the presence of the professional recreation leader and in non-agency settings. The modern recreation leader fully realizes this and thus attempts to encourage and develop self-leadership among individuals and groups so that they will make good choices of recreation experiences at all times.

One of the settings around which much free time is spent is the local library. All surveys of leisure time interests are consistent in revealing that reading is one of the foremost. All library statistics reveal that although the library's materials and services are sought for a variety of reasons including study, research, and general information, reading for pleasure is the main objective which motivates most library users.

The library, then, becomes one of the primary leisure and recreation resources of the community. It takes its place alongside the several other kinds of public and voluntary agencies which serve the leisure and recreation needs of the people. Unlike some recreation agencies, notably those voluntary youth-serving organizations such as the Scouts, the library serves all age groups and both sexes. It has responsibilities to all, just as do other basic departments of government such as recreation and parks, public safety and public health.

The librarian and the recreation director should develop effective plans for coordination of their respective responsibilities. One method is for the librarian to serve as a member of the community recreation advisory board, an instrument encouraged by progressive recreation directors to make certain that the recreation service is in concert with the interests and needs of the community. In like fashion the recreation director should serve on the library advisory board where one exists.

Some trends in the library movement related to recreation today include increased attention to reading materials in mental hospitals and correctional institutions; use of

library facilities for various kinds of recreation programs; coordination of library programs with community recreation opportunities and services; and use of the library as a laboratory for the expression of many kinds of interests related to the spoken and written word.

The history of recreation in America clearly illustrated that science, invention, technology, and population changes have had marked effects upon the recreation pattern of our people. The automobile, the movie, the radio, and now television, all have left their mark. Lengthening of the life span and a marked increase in the number of persons beyond sixty years of age have also affected recreation planning and services. As one of the leisure and recreation resources of the community the library has also been affected by these changes. For example, a recent survey of television habits of people by the UNESCO revealed definite effects of the television upon the reading habits of people in the United States, England, and France. In the New York metropolitan area 49 per cent of book readers stated that they had stopped reading entirely; 16 per cent stated that they read less, and 35 per cent reported no change in their reading habits. In general, newspaper reading suffered very little. While these effects may be temporary and transitory because of the recent advent of television as a mass communication medium, they still must be considered as significant factors affecting the leisure habits of people. Effects of population trends insofar as the library is concerned are reflected in part by the increasing need for services to older adults, including materials for adult education.

The recent National Workshop on Recreation gave attention to the functions of the librarian in the community recreation setting. Its report states:\*

"For a large percentage of the population reading is or can be an opportunity for enjoyable and satisfying recreation. Playing baseball is recreation. So is watching it played—from a stadium seat or a television stool. And so is just reading

\*Recreation for Community Living — Guiding Principles. The Athletic Institute, 1952.



about it—for instruction, or for pleasure, or for both. In other words, reading may be recreation even when it is not strictly relaxation; when it is concerned, say, with efforts toward self-improvement or service to others. It is recreation because it recreates the mind and the spirit . . . and through them the physical well being. The library is, indeed, a major community resource for recreation—a world of new thoughts, new ideas, new learning, and new adventure for every man, woman, and child. It is an inexhaustible reservoir for factual information and practical help, for self-improvement, for aesthetic satisfaction, and for 'escape.' As the keeper and holder of these resources, the librarian assumes a recreation leadership role in the community.

"Skills in sports, music, art, drama, and the like are developed largely by 'doing.' But such practice of the skills becomes more meaningful and challenging when the interest is supplemented with information about the history, the outstanding athletes, 'stars' or great masters, and the open road ahead. The more one knows about any interesting pursuit, the more he wants to know. The librarian holds within his power the tools to enlarge these horizons.

"The finest and best collection of books and records in the world is valueless unless people know about them and they are used. Thus the librarian must continuously tell the people about these aids and how they can lead to a richer life and to a more satisfying share in community activity.

"In addition to encouraging the full use of what is available within the library walls, librarians can multiply the use of their materials by organizing and leading discussion groups and hobby clubs in the community, by lending films and records for educational and recreational purposes, by use of the bookmobile, and by temporary loans of exhibits and audio-visual resources.

"Within the steadily expanding walls of the modern library, the family can find recreation for all of its members: for the young child there is the first thrilling acquaintance with books and with purposeful play; for the child going to school, the sheer magic of adventure in reading;

for the teen-ager, film programs, musicals, and ideas for club meetings; for mother, help in meeting the demands of social life; for father, advice on community service projects; and for the 'senior citizen,' a helping hand to keep him moving purposefully and satisfyingly along the stream of life where he is threatened with slow death in the back eddies."

Five principles were outlined by the Workshop members as guides to the librarian in his recreation functions. They are:

The librarian should exercise his opportunity and responsibility to provide the tools and facilities at his disposal to help the individual develop and improve his recreation skills, attitudes, understanding, and appreciation.

The librarian should go beyond just stocking these means of recreation and help the people search them out.

The librarian should take appropriate resources to the people—to the living room of the family.

The librarian should direct his efforts to serving all age groups—the pre-school age child, the school youngster, the teen-ager, the adult, and the senior citizen.

The librarian should be aware of the recreation interests and needs of the people in order to provide appropriate counsel and opportunities for the enlargement of services through collaboration with community recreation agencies.

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Following is a suggested list of a few books on recreation that should be helpful to the layman and professional alike, and that should be available in all local libraries:

#### Administration

- Butler, G. D. *Introduction to Community Recreation*. McGraw-Hill, 1949.  
Butler, G. D. *Playgrounds, Their Administration and Operation*. A. S. Barnes, 1950.  
Meyer, H. D., and Brightbill, C. K. *Community Recreation*. D. C. Heath, 1948.

#### Community Organization

- Fitzgerald, G. B. *Community Organization for Recreation*. A. S. Barnes, 1948.  
Johns, R., and DeMarche, D. F. *Community Organization and Agency Responsibility*. Association Press, 1951.

**Facilities**

- Butler, G. D. *Recreation Areas, Their Design and Equipment*. A. S. Barnes, 1947.
- Planning Facilities for Athletics, Recreation, Physical and Health Education*. Athletic Institute, 209 S. State St., Chicago, 1947.

**Leadership**

- Corbin, H. D. *Recreation Leadership*. Prentice-Hall, 1953.
- Fitzgerald, G. B. *Leadership in Recreation*. New York: A. S. Barnes, 1951.

**Principles**

- Hutchinson, J. L. *Principles of Recreation*. A. S. Barnes, 1951.
- Recreation for Community Living—Guiding Principles*. Athletic Institute, 1952.

**Program**

- Griswold, Lester. *Handicraft—Simplified Procedure and Projects*. Author, 1951.
- Harbin, E. O. *The Fun Encyclopedia*. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1950.
- Manley, Helen, and Drury, M. F. *Education Through School Camping*. 1952.
- National Recreation Association. *Community Sports and Athletics*. A. S. Barnes, 1949.

**Social Aspects**

- Dulles, F. R. *Americans Learn to Play*. Appleton-Century, 1940.
- Neumeyer, M. H., and Neumeyer, E. S. *Leisure and Recreation*. A. S. Barnes, 1949.
- Slavson, S. R. *Recreation and the Total Personality*. Association Press, 1946.

## *Workshop for Hospital Librarians*

The Minnesota Association of Hospital and Medical Librarians is arranging a two-day workshop for hospital librarians under the sponsorship of the American Hospital Association and the Center for Continuation Study of the University of Minnesota.

This conference will be held at the Continuation Center in Minneapolis on Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, 1953, so that librarians may attend both the workshop classes and sessions of the Upper Midwest Hospital Conference, May 13-15.

The program will cover all types of library service in the hospital—patients, medical and nursing school. All interested librarians are invited to attend. Further information and registration material may be obtained through: Miss Frida Pliefke, 2000 Medical Arts Building, Minneapolis 2, Minnesota, or Center for Continuation Study, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

# Recreation and Libraries in Minnesota's State Hospitals

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Recreation has frequently been defined as an attitude toward life, an area of daily living, or a natural expression of human needs and interests seeking satisfaction during leisure. These expressions, in taking a variety of forms, are all motivated by basic needs related to personality development. The recreation leader is therefore more interested in what the medium does to the participant rather than what the participant does to the medium. Of course, these media may take many diverse forms such as canasta, community singing, reading, dramatics, roller skating, or many others. The resources, facilities, and leadership provided in the library setting offer a truly rich and creative means for personality development. Worthy use of leisure time through proper use of books and literature plays an integral part in the recreational pursuits of adults and children in our communities.

The growth of public libraries is indeed remarkable from the 1833 Peterborough, New Hampshire, citizen's library to today's expanse of 7,500 organized libraries. In addition to this quantitative growth of library activities, the actual use and utilization of libraries during the past thirty years has substantially increased. These tools for the enlargement of people's library horizons know of no confines. Hospital communities have shared with other communities in this enthusiastic reception to the printed and visual story.

Conversation with Myrtle Stubkjaer, Supervisor of Institution Libraries, Minnesota Division of Public Institutions, revealed that Minnesota's state hospitals have made extensive use of libraries for some forty-five years, helping patients by improving morale, and providing amusement, stimulation, and information. The ten state mental hospitals had a total circulation the past year of 101,118 books and 72,446 periodicals. Under the guidance of a professionally trained librarian in the Division of Public Institutions central office, each of these institutions

has either a full-time qualified librarian or a specially delegated person responsible for the library's operation.

Other recreational needs of patients in the major skill areas of art, music, dramatics, nature, social activities, sports, and games are led by hospital recreation staffs. The cooperation between library personnel and hospital recreation personnel is of utmost importance since the library presents a vital setting in which the patient may find a means for expression, satisfaction, and enjoyment. The hospital recreation staffs are especially appreciative of this team relationship and recognize the significant contributions of professionally trained librarians.

A valuable service that requires coordination and cooperation between the various hospital departments is the book cart which provides patients in various wards with current reading material. The librarian aided by a volunteer offers the patient added relaxation and new interests through this "mobile unit."

Neuropsychiatric and mentally retarded patients require qualified leadership in achieving recovery or adjustment. The 15,500 patients in our ten state mental hospitals reflect many racial, religious, social, and nationality backgrounds. The age range may be from a very young mentally retarded patient to an elderly senile mentally ill patient. Therefore the variety of publications available to them must indeed be diverse and acceptable to varied interests. The use of slides, films, and other audiovisual aids assures numerous means for tapping potential literary energies in the elderly as well as younger patient.

Contact with the "outside" world is made even more realistic through the utilization of current magazines and periodicals. Active participation in recreation programs may be stirred through well selected journals and pamphlets for patient use. Concomitant activities such as hobby and discussion groups may grow out of the patient's initial



contact with printed and pictorial materials. Books serve as a positive medium for the presentation of pre-vocational information, which is necessary for the patients' rehabilitation and community occupational adjustment.

Handicapped children have been assisted in their treatment through carefully selected literature that features the successful adjustment of people in similar circumstances. The child's informal education may be facilitated through attractively presented reading in leisure time hours.

A functional library area aids in the socialization of the patient and presents an accepted setting for thought directed toward individual and group goals. While reading may satisfy patients' needs for individual solace and education, the library room proper serves as a setting for meetings and group endeavors. The "Patients' Council," patients' newspaper staff meetings, as well as other discussion groups, depend upon the studious and peaceful atmosphere of libraries for real therapeutic progress. The utilization of libraries in mental hospitals as functional multiple-purpose units thereby assures the fulfillment of many diverse patient needs.

It is obvious that the librarian is an integral member of each team that concentrates on the treatment of the "whole"

patient. There still remain several unmet needs in the library's attempt to fulfill worthy leisure time use. Possibly the future will see an era in which adequate and qualified librarians are able to maintain a schedule of open hours during week-ends. Studies need to be made in regard to patients' reading habits to determine if there can be some scientific assurance of therapeutic or harmful effects of specific types of reading material for various types of patients. Greater publicity of hospital resources through bulletin boards, patients' newspapers, reading lists, and other such devices could be developed within each hospital to acquaint both personnel and patients with the available facilities.

While institutional research and education are advanced through the more extensive and qualitative utilization of staff libraries, there still remains a need for increased and expanded patients' library services. Books and magazines constitute a very tangible and practical medium for therapeutic fulfillment of patients' leisure hours. Their hospital adjustment or return to the community will be expedited in some manner through this significant service. Recreation and library staffs in Minnesota's state hospitals have enjoyed a mutually helpful relationship in the pooling of media that facilitate patients' contact with reality.

### *County Library Meeting*

The County Section of the Minnesota Library Association reports that arrangements are being made for a spring meeting to be held Saturday, May 16, in the St. Paul Public Library.

The session, devoted to county library problems, will last from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., including a luncheon. Notices and reservation forms will soon be in the mail. Librarians who are interested in attending are urged to request information from the section chairman, Mrs. Ruth Palmer of the Ramsey County Library, 143 W. 4th St., St. Paul 2.

This is an opportunity for county librarians to meet socially and professionally with men and women working under similar conditions, with common experiences and helpful ideas to share.

# Recreation and the Minneapolis Public Library

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So many activities are sponsored by the Minneapolis Public Library that its monthly publication, *This Month*, has been increased in size to accommodate the calendar. A glance at this shows that ages appealed to by the library literally range from the pre-school child to the man and woman past retirement age.

The activities on this calendar are all library-sponsored. In addition, many projects are carried on in the community as results of library cooperation with other groups, but the library acts as a silent partner. Among these groups that the library has worked with in organizing activities, supplying books, lists or exhibits are the Hennepin County Welfare Board, various settlement houses, the Park Board, Consumer Interests, church groups, women's clubs, schools, labor groups whose activities are promoted or aided by the Museum. The 60-Over Club described later in this article is one of many activities in the city for older people. The library has joined with the leaders of other such groups in planning discussions and has participated in such overall programs as the city-wide hobby show for older persons. The Great Books groups have headquarters in the Readers Advisory Service but are directed by a lay group interested in the idea, who call themselves the Committee to Promote Great Books in Minneapolis. Every organization is a potential partner of a live library.

Among activities for children are story hours held weekly at twelve branches, including a morning one for preschool youngsters. Every spring brings the Spring Book Festival with special exhibits and visits to library agencies by school classes. The Spring Book Festival, however, is pale beside its autumn sister, Children's Book Week, held annually in November. Elaborate displays and programs are planned by children's librarians and heralded by visits to schools in the area surrounding each branch. Special story hours are planned and preparations made for visits to the exhibits and tours of the libraries. In addition, each year the Public Library Friends sponsor some event at this time at the Main Library.

Last November this took the form of a gigantic Storybook Food Fair. Various organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Association, the Federation of Catholic Mothers Clubs, and the Minneapolis Council of Jewish Women cooperated with the Friends. Foods featured in well-known children's books were offered for sale at each booth. *Pancakes Paris*, and *Pancakes for Breakfast* shared honors at the booth sponsored by the Quaker Oats (Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour) Booth. *Mitty of Mr. Syrup's Farm* adorned the milk booth, Paul Bunyan and *Peanuts for Billy Ben* were associated with the peanuts and popcorn booth and a variety of books about apples, from Kate Greenaway's *A-Apple Pie* to biographies of William Tell and Johnny Appleseed, surrounded the apple booth. The cookie booth, rich with gingerbread men and foreign sweets, drew on a wealth of books such as *Christmas Anna Angel* and *Poppyseed Cakes* for inspiration. More than a thousand persons, young and old, visited the Fair and the book exhibits which accompanied it.

Christmas always brings trees, parties and again special story hours, often featuring carol singing and at some branches an actual Santa Claus who distributes treats to the small visitors.

Summer means the vacation reading program which always follows a general theme and a basic pattern. For each book read the child advances some token connected with the central theme from point to point. A total of six books read entitles him to a certificate. In 1951 the theme was fishing, with each child angling for a fish that would tell him a category from which to select a book. Once he had read and reported on the book, he was entitled to add that fish to his string. The 1952 theme was space travel, with youngsters advancing from planet to planet in rocket ships with every book completed.

The Young People's Room of the Main Library sponsors a Young Critics Review, high schoolers who meet monthly to hear reviews of the new books for teen-agers. This group has also presented a television

discussion program under library sponsorship and is booked for a second in February.

Organized over two years ago, the 60-Over Club for retired persons seeking new ideas, friends, and interests has proved one of the library's most successful ventures. Meeting monthly, every fourth Friday at 2:30 p.m., members are offered films, speakers, and books on a variety of subjects which they select themselves at the close of the season in June. The program for the balance of the current season is as follows:

January 23: LEARN TO EARN

Speaker: Mrs. Samuel Beirstein, teacher of hobby classes at the Council House for Senior Citizens, will demonstrate and explain easy things to make and how the Council House will help sell them.

Film: *Homespun*

February 27: OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH

Speaker: Calvin Rutstrum, woodsman, camp director, and guide, who has spent much time in the northern wilderness.

Film: *Four Seasons*

March 27: YOU'RE AS YOUNG AS YOU THINK

Speaker: Francis Gamelin, Student Counseling Service, University of Minnesota.

Film: *Steps of Age*

April 24: THE NEAR EAST IN TURMOIL

Speaker: Neville Pearson, University of Minnesota Visual Education Service, will tell his experiences in the Near East for the U. S. Information Service.

May 22: GUARD YOUR HEALTH

Speaker: Dr. J. Y. Feinstein, Minneapolis physician with a special interest in the health problems of older people.

Film: *Man Alive*

Equally successful are the free noon film programs every Tuesday at 12:15. Originally held under the joint sponsorship of the World Affairs Center and the library, the showings are now offered by the library alone. The venture opened in 1951 with films about nations founded since the close of World War II, the series being called *New Nations at Noon*. Subsequent series were *United Nations at Noon*, *Great Cities at Noon*, *Africa at Noon*, and *The Middle East at Noon*. The 1952-53 season opened with a pre-election series on the government and the individual's share in it on all levels.

This was followed by a series on the cultures and peoples of the nation, called *America Grows*. The current series is called *Music at Noon*. Programs to come in this series are:

January 13:

*Instruments of the Orchestra and Bands of the United States Army.*

January 20:

*Symphony Orchestra* with Howard Barlow and the Philharmonic.

*King's Musick*, the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall.

January 27:

*Paderewski and Old Folks at Home.*

February 3:

*Rehearsal*, Donald Voorhees, Ezio Pinza and Blanche Thebom.

February 10:

*Barber of Seville* sung by the LaScala and Rome Opera Companies. *Even Song.*

February 17:

The Tanglewood Music Festival includes Koussevitzky, Deems Taylor, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copeland, Hugh Ross, Gregor Piatigorsky and Boris Goldovsky.

William Primrose, Violinist plays *Polonaise* by Beethoven and *Caprice* by Paganini.

February 24:

*The Concert Album* featuring Nadine Connor, soprano, Charles Kullman, tenor, Constance Keen, pianist and the Men of Song. *Begone Dull Care*, jazz music by the Oscar Peterson Trio.

Film programs are also offered monthly at three of the branches, and at the meetings of the Minneapolis Film Society at the Main Library. These are all open to the public.

Recreation on another level are the Great Books Discussion Groups and, in 1952, library-sponsored film discussion groups, based on great men and great issues in American history and on international understanding. The film series was designed to train leaders in the techniques of leading such discussion groups.

Exhibits at branches and in the various departments of the main library, notably the Art Department, contribute to the recreation of individuals of all ages. In addition, the library sponsors about ten exhibits a year, running from a month to six weeks in length, in the main exhibit hall. In 1952

these covered such subjects as ideas and ideals of American democracy; the Passion of Christ in music, art and literature; cups, antique and modern, from many countries; rare books in the field of natural history; prizewinning photographs by American press photographers; rare and unusual Bibles; fools and funny fellows in children's books; and dolls of the world.

A dynamic program of exhibits in the field of natural history is conducted by the Science Museum on the fourth floor of the main library. These exhibits cover a wide range of subjects; some involve spectator participation. The Science Museum also sponsors a number of adult and children's groups, each of which carries on a program of activities involving lectures, films, field trips, and similar events.

A Nature Workshop is designed for teachers, Scout leaders, campfire leaders and others interested in nature. Adult science clubs include archeology, astronomy, bird, botany, and speleology (cave exploration) societies. Youth groups are the Explorers Club for high school students; the Field Naturalists for ten to fourteen year olds; the Junior Aquarium Club for ten to sixteen year olds; the Junior Astronomy Club for junior and senior high school students; and the Craft Club for grade school pupils.

High on the list in popularity are the Planetarium Lectures in the Museum held Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m., and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

The Science Museum also sponsors a series of special film programs. Coming on

February 25 at 4:15 p.m. is *Winter on the North Shore*, a story of winter wildlife around Lake Superior.

Not to be overlooked is reading itself as recreation. Here collections in the Main Library, fifteen community branches, two special branches, two bookmobiles, eighteen school stations, classroom collections, business house and factory deposits make the 895,000 books of the library accessible to the reader. Those who wish aid in selecting their reading will find librarians ready and able to assist them. A special aid is the Readers Advisory Service, where the borrower may receive counsel and have individualized booklists prepared especially for him.

Finally through booklists the library makes suggestions to the reader. Some issued recently include the monthly list of new books, one on recreation, home reading for children, books with older people as hero or heroine, aids to parents, books on birds, on flowers, on rocks, on minerals, reading for Catholics, for Protestants, and for Jews.

Also important in the recreational life of both children and adults is the reference service of the library which answers hundreds of questions on how to make a ping pong table, how to play better golf, how to score cribbage, where to hunt game, how to improve one's tennis, how to tie flies, how to give a party, how to paint, how to cartoon, how to play an instrument, and so on—questions reflecting as many hobbies and interests as there are people in the community.

### Scholarship Award

The first Minnesota Library Association Clara F. Baldwin Scholarship was awarded to Dorothy Rasmussen, graduate student at the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction. Miss Rasmussen was born on a farm near Hutchinson, attended elementary and high school there and received her B.A. degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in June, 1949.

Miss Rasmussen began her work towards a Master's degree in the Division of Library Instruction in September, 1952. While doing her graduate work, she has held a half-time position as Teaching Assistant in the Division.



# Do You Use Your Library?

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Most of us in the recreation field are likely to be so engrossed in our everyday programs that we overlook our very important leisure time associate, the public library. Probably our oversight is due to the fact that we feel that we have our programs, and they have theirs, so let's go our way and do our job. I have been negligent in utilizing the opportunities offered by this essential public service. When I speak to others in the recreation field, I realize that I am not alone in this respect. And what an opportunity we who do this are missing!

My Department has been associated with the Public Library in several ways, including the joint sponsorship of recreational activities. When, for an event about gypsies and hobos, we called on the Librarian to present a story hour, she accepted enthusiastically and kept the crowd of two hundred youngsters spellbound with gypsyland adventures.

On another occasion, when the Recreation Department and the Public Library co-sponsored a citywide hobby show, the Golden Age Club of the Recreation Department and the Library staff pooled their efforts. The Golden Agers handled the administrative job and the Library offered its facilities and materials to encourage the project. A successful hobby show was the result of this collaboration. During the past year, this cooperation has continued, and we are now in the planning stage for a third hobby show together.

Our groups sometimes give us the opportunity of offering a service to the Library.

For example, on becoming interested in square dancing, some townspeople were disappointed to find that the Library's collection in this field was not adequate. Later, when they became members of our recreation square dance club, the Bar Naught Club, they informed us that the material at the Library was very limited. When a call to the Librarian confirmed the need for additional material, our club purchased and donated up-to-date publications on the subject to the Library.

I presume that many of you have had similar associations with your public libraries. If you have not, you have been missing an opportunity for assisting in the support of services which are undoubtedly essential parts of the leisure time programs of your communities. Your cooperation will be enthusiastically accepted in the celebration of the various designated "weeks" of the leisure time field, such as Book Week, Music Week, Hobby Week, Health Week and many others.

Additional services available through the public library include books and information to help in establishing and maintaining a program for physically handicapped and shut-in patients. A great variety of projects for possible inclusion in this type of program are now available through new books and other publications on the subject.

Why not contact your public library today and work closely with the librarian. You will both benefit from a better understanding of each other's programs.



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<b>A. L. A. Standard Over 50,000 Pop'n.</b>																		
892,718	Minneapolis	Glenn M. Lewis	10,200	895,751	155,951	30	2,746,866	6	60	4.50	1,466,689	81,205	1,547,893	2.81	238,880	999,693	1,494,610	2.86
311,349	St. Paul	Perrine Jones	7,968	530,719	77,449	25	1,132,322	3.6	73	1.12	475,195	144,300	619,495	1.53	44,763	342,461	513,623	1.65
104,511	Duluth	Jane Morey	4,940	173,775	22,413	21	530,521	5.0	72	2.61	148,507	.....	148,507	1.42	12,052	99,261	145,490	1.39
<b>A. L. A. Standard 10,000-50,000 Pop'n.</b>																		
13,545	Albert Lea	Gyla Gaulfield	4,188	24,786	4,501	33	69,273	5.1	61	1.12	18,050	.....	18,050	1.34	3,541	9,432	17,862	1.32
23,100	Austin	Mabel C. Olson	3,500	33,485	9,696	42	121,440	5.2	69	2.50	26,084	410	26,494	1.13	6,707	11,679	20,830	.90
10,001	Bemidji	Orda Nilson	2,904	12,117	3,947	39	47,175	4.7	48	1.00	10,150	300	10,450	1.01	1,777	4,133	7,651	.77
12,637	Brainerd	Helen Runberg	2,700	19,363	4,834	38	36,928	2.9	45	3.00	10,837	963	11,800	.86	2,203	4,992	10,471	.83
16,028 <sup>1</sup>	Faribault	Esther M. Reinke	3,600	34,755	5,915	46	79,394	6.1	69	5.00	22,066	989	23,055	1.72	4,394	13,740	23,887	1.87
12,917 <sup>1</sup>	Fergus Falls	Erana Stadler	3,240	18,233	4,362	39	66,866	6.0	57	2.50	11,778	1,564	13,342	1.07	2,264	6,273	11,489	1.05
16,276	Hibbing	Isadore Veigel	4,920	85,800	5,827	36	93,101	5.7	69	1.75	37,369	1,303	38,671	2.30	4,959	20,848	38,500	2.37
18,809	Mankato	Myrtle T. Rundquist	3,420	38,149	6,201	32	132,632	7.0	69	1.80	19,629	3,456	23,085	1.04	5,104	9,501	18,845	1.00
14,870	Moorhead	Audene Graham	3,800	20,890	5,620	38	69,387	4.6	64	4.00	19,511	886	20,398	1.31	2,849	8,698	15,135	1.02
10,191 <sup>1</sup>	Owatonna	Edna V. Steiner	3,400	536,099	4,546	46	88,397	8.9	64	4.45	21,841	3,111	24,953	2.21	5,507	12,867	22,045	2.48
10,643 <sup>1</sup>	Red Wing	Lucille Gattry	4,000	22,751	4,105	35	73,114	7.0	64	4.50	43,903	516	44,419	2.30	4,213	10,984	25,716	2.48
25,885 <sup>1</sup>	Rochester	Mrs. Merle Lennartson	5,400	57,732	14,537	51	201,518	7.1	69	2.34	36,347	735	37,082	1.56	10,778	27,411	48,154	1.32
25,410 <sup>1</sup>	St. Cloud	Mrs. Dorothy Jorstad	4,290	45,322	9,201	30	136,110	4.9	69	3.00	35,137	1,077	36,214	.95	7,373	20,785	35,998	1.32
15,909	South St. Paul	Ethel Binney	3,000	15,878	.....	.....	82,773	.....	67	1.50	15,137	.....	15,137	.....	2,992	6,847	13,875	1.32
12,486	Virginia	Antia Saxine	2,150	48,346	4,208	27	139,995	11.2	64	1.63	30,208	4,401	34,609	2.43	5,635	16,243	33,881	2.71
25,631	Winona	.....	4,600	33,778	6,700	27	129,364	5.1	66	3.25	36,710	1,630	38,339	1.47	6,457	17,188	37,885	1.51

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<sup>2</sup>Includes county collection.

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<sup>4</sup>Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.

<sup>5</sup>IN or computed as county expenditures are included in total.

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	A. L. A. Standard 5,000-10,000 Pop'n.		3 Per Capita		45	9											\$1.50	
6,319	Alexandria.....	Fay Cuzner.....	2,400	11,187	3,173	35	17,289	30	12	6,522	705	7,227	1.03	1,459	2,824	6,458	1.02	
7,390 <sup>1</sup>	Anoka.....	Mary Jo Walsh.....	2,783	8,540	2,167	35	20,645	38	1.40	5,942	325	6,268	.95	1,108	3,451	6,539	1.05	
6,995	Chisholm.....	Ann Mahan.....	4,440	45,567	2,748	40	78,280	63	2.50	34,203	487	34,691	4.90	2,766	14,413	30,857	4.41	
7,685	Cloquet.....	Helen Jensen.....	3,813	25,216	2,656	28	72,672	54	3.00	16,702	944	17,647	2.17	2,618	10,042	17,250	2.24	
8,175	Columbia Heights.....	Lucille R. Hawkins.....	2,112	9,802	5,039	59	20,943	32	12	3,246	56	3,302	.40	350	2,205	3,698	.45	
7,352	Crookston.....	Mrs. Claire W. Madden.....	2,805	17,982	3,561	48	49,428	6.7	3.20	15,522	589	13,112	1.70	1,739	5,085	9,106	1.24	
5,787	Detroit Lakes.....	Mrs. Bertha Bengt.....	2,100	11,752	2,368	40	18,770	30	1.68	3,873	519	4,392	.67	1,051	2,109	3,846	.66	
5,474	Elly.....	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis.....	11,570	12,599	2,111	38	32,772	5.9	37½	7,265	62	7,328	1.33	2,518	3,066	6,987	1.28	
5,872	Eveleth.....	Kathleen McCormick.....	3,000	26,933	1,659	26	98,585	8.6	58	4.64	20,000	790	20,790	3.41	2,766	11,116	19,594	3.34
8,193	Farmont.....	Mary Edwards.....	3,000	18,607	3,005	37	44,067	5.3	36	2.48	9,519	253	9,772	1.16	1,819	3,982	8,971	1.06
6,019	Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett.....	2,640	25,935	4,166	69	64,663	10.7	50½	5.00	10,323		10,323	1.72	1,895	7,942	12,166	2.09
6,500	Hastings.....	Jennie T. Medure.....	3,725	8,558	2,409	43	17,842	3.1	39	1.00	250	5,136	5,386	.94	1,663	3,799	7,538	.99
7,595	Hopkins.....	Mrs. Bloome Mountain.....	2,104	10,734	3,145	38	32,197	4.2	20	1.19	7,200		7,200	.95	2,955	4,045	7,538	.99
6,269	International Falls.....	Marie Knudson.....	4,260	15,045	2,639	42	51,740	8.2	58	5.00	16,227	1,034	17,261	2.59	7,407	13,595	25,534	.91
6,717	Little Falls.....	Barbara Lentz.....	1,320	11,167	3,500	52	41,780	6.2	30	3.29	5,985	223	6,208	.89	1,612	2,747	6,114	.91
5,923	Marshall.....	Mrs. Margaret B. Stevens.....	3,000	12,032	2,655	54	16,512	3.0	28	1.59	4,147		4,147	.70	798	1,805	4,271	.78
5,459	Montevideo.....	Mrs. Frances Bergh.....	1,656	12,032	2,655	54	16,512	3.0	28	1.59	4,147		4,147	.70	798	1,805	4,271	.78
9,348	New Ulm.....	Erna F. Holzinger.....	3,007	14,222	6,181	61	68,785	7.3	61	13,400		13,400	.37	2,533	7,460	13,437	1.44	
7,487	Northfield.....	George Gardner.....	2,034	7,766	699	45	15,866	2.1	38	4,021	415	4,437	.54	1,035	2,462	4,706	.63	
5,269	Pipestone.....	Mary Kay Earhart.....	2,112	17,577	2,485	45	41,806	2.7	30	3,151	1,617	6,806	.98	2,159	3,415	6,708	1.27	
7,754	St. Peter.....	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haesckeke.....	1,200	8,783	2,933	60	15,075	2.7	30	2.70	5,187	1,619	6,806	.98	2,159	3,415	6,708	1.27
7,674	Stillwater.....	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haesckeke.....	1,200	8,783	2,933	60	15,075	2.7	30	2.70	5,187	1,619	6,806	.98	2,159	3,415	6,708	1.27
6,926	Thief River Falls.....	Gertrude Glennon.....	2,940	28,307	5,249	68	38,282	4.9	63	12,202	1,365	13,567	1.59	1,847	7,593	11,371	1.48	
9,410 <sup>1</sup>	Wilmar.....	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim.....	2,625	21,322	4,439	56	17,071	5.4	54	18,683	456	19,139	2.68	2,762	7,284	20,139	1.96	
7,923	Worthington.....	Any Hanson.....	2,400	12,454	4,439	56	30,091	3.7	36	9,930	405	10,335	1.24	1,959	4,595	8,491	1.06	
		Wayne R. Bassett.....	11,920	15,661	3,185	40	50,332	6.3	60	12,959	826	13,385	1.58	2,772	7,541	12,248	1.55	

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2,502 <sup>4</sup>	A. L. A. Standard			3 Per		45		9											\$1.50
2,500-5,000 Pop'n.				Capita															
2,502 <sup>4</sup>	Bayport.....	Floyd E. Keller.....	225	3,371	403	27	852	5	2½	50	420	365	785	28	371	265	636	42	
3,398	Benson.....	Nina Brown.....	2,100	9,935	1,696	42	19,061	5.6	30	2.60	2,809	745	3,554	.83	354	2,363	3,436	1.01	
3,843	Blue Earth.....	Alta Cummings.....	1,680	11,976	1,724	42	17,619	4.5	33	3.23	3,061	81	3,142	.80	354	1,624	2,948	.77	
3,623	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. Walter Heinicke.....	675	6,726	980	27	22,804	6.2	13½	3.23	2,491	124	2,615	.69	950	1,241	2,327	.64	
2,777	Crosby.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	513	8,580	870	31	6,460	2.3	10	1.12	1,075	6	1,081	.39	173	516	663	.25	
2,801	Glencoe.....	Mrs. Arthur Bergjord.....	541	6,125	1,008	35	9,803	3.4	7	3.00	1,000	131	1,131	.36	465	541	1,057	.38	
2,666	Glenwood.....	Mrs. F. P. Serrin.....	1,150	6,163	1,774	67	18,894	7.0	19½	3.00	3,000	322	3,322	.80	626	1,290	2,872	1.08	
2,511	Granite Falls.....	Mrs. B. E. Palmer.....	570	6,611	996	40	12,559	5.0	12	1.25	2,000	120	2,120	.55	502	570	1,891	.75	
4,690	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. Mabel C. Schulte.....	2,400	11,453	1,743	27	21,291	4.5	35½	3.50	7,267	237	7,504	1.55	1,414	2,602	6,328	1.35	
3,313	Jackson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson.....	1,185	7,669	1,253	36	18,461	5.5	12	3.50	1,872	222	2,094	.57	607	1,185	1,858	.56	
3,457	Lake City.....	Ethel Dunn.....	2,400	9,390	1,132	31	16,524	4.7	40½	3.08	3,571	346	3,917	1.03	617	3,089	4,049	1.17	
4,608	Le Sueur.....	Mrs. Gale H. Block.....	875	3,993	737	24	11,465	4.2	15	2.17	2,212	772	2,984	.82	668	875	2,284	.84	
3,650	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon.....	2,125	10,206	2,563	52	17,704	3.8	33	1.50	4,646	612	5,258	1.01	757	2,175	4,599	1.1	
3,650	Luverne.....	Mrs. Cora M. Main.....	1,200	8,696	1,552	43	15,133	4.1	30	1.30	2,106	247	2,353	.58	438	1,227	2,221	.61	
3,811	Morris.....	Margaret E. Grove.....	1,920	12,308	1,384	51	20,552	5.3	34	2.03	4,555	67	4,622	1.20	893	2,011	4,453	1.17	
4,788	North Mankato.....	Mrs. Isabelle M. Johnson.....	1,642	6,236	1,483	31	19,021	3.9	25	2.64	2,969	198	3,167	.62	968	1,897	3,010	.63	
4,248	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. Louise M. McIntyre.....	1,560	9,708	2,857	67	12,433	2.9	25½	3.10	5,038	409	5,447	.56	1,065	1,665	2,750	.65	
2,577	Ortonville.....	Mrs. Ada M. Theisen.....	1,800	6,884	895	27	17,555	5.8	26	3.10	3,164	181	3,345	1.05	841	1,823	4,120	1.60	
3,027	Park Rapids.....	Mrs. Ray McCollier.....	720	7,369	1,326	43	23,056	7.6	11½	4.40	6,566	428	6,994	1.72	961	1,380	3,335	1.10	
3,813	Redwood Falls.....	Mrs. E. W. Edwards.....	2,000	9,250	1,744	47	30,473	7.9	31½	3.00	5,525	188	6,347	1.56	1,729	2,401	5,643	1.48	
3,861	St. James.....	Mrs. George Adrian.....	738	7,358	1,809	47	15,702	4.0	40	2.00	5,525	3,210	8,535	.77	2,256	5,199	1,819	.47	
3,140 <sup>4</sup>	Sauk Centre.....	Lewis E. Olds.....	3,690	16,839	1,530	59	38,989	12.9	53	5.00	500	600	1,100	.75	420	2,907	8,534	2.83	
3,410	Sauk Rapids.....	Mollie Perkowski.....	192,700	5,553	2,813	32	12,463	3.6	23	2.40	2,559	133	2,559	.78	553	2,257	7,147	.92	
3,278	Sleepy Eye.....	Helen C. Dombrowski.....	997	5,396	1,001	31	10,065	3.0	24	1.12	1,000	97	1,081	.39	553	356	935	.36	
2,574	Springfield.....	Elsie M. Ahlbrecht.....	356	4,389	1,352	52	7,178	2.7	11	2.00	984	148	1,081	.35	470	800	1,352	.49	
2,782	Staples.....	Mrs. James Finnigan.....	762	6,373	604	18	15,502	4.9	28	2.20	2,338	148	2,486	.77	1,103	1,419	2,500	.85	
3,020	Two Harbors.....	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton.....	1,350	10,235	3,336	49	35,000	7.9	42	2.98	2,054	389	2,444	.50	818	3,079	4,251	1.1	
3,958	Wadena.....	Rose V. Wagner.....	1,560	8,467	928	23	18,820	3.7	27	2.08	1,973	246	2,466	.76	1,201	2,818	7,428	.81	
3,646	White Bear.....	Mrs. E. T. Butler.....	192,818	5,539	689	12	11,772	4.2	24	1.43	2,785	203	2,987	.76	373	1,717	2,902	.81	
3,165	Windom.....	Mrs. Lucy B. Olson.....	600	4,373	371	12	13,622	4.3	16½	.70	930	421	1,351	.29	504	1,600	1,169	.37	

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	A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n.			3 Per Capita	45		9											\$1.50
2,121	Ada.....	Mrs. Louise Tuttle	371	1,184	160	8	1,710	8	1 00	610	14	624	29	241	371	639	30	
2,079	Aitkin.....	Mrs. Pearl G. Baker	720	5,180	1,258	57	4,805	24	3 00	1,442	94	1,536	74	326	720	1,417	68	
2,256	Appleton.....	Mrs. I. P. Cheney	420	4,528	911	40	6,952	12	1 00	652	28	680	29	437	420	860	38	
1,371	Aurora.....	Mrs. J. J. Rendle	1,200	5,243	592	43	14,517	13	5 00	4,610	623	4,610	36	521	1,130	3,734	2 72	
1,708	Belle Plaine.....	Mrs. D. R. Miller	1,500	2,582	277	16	3,685	6	1 00	623	33	657	37	363	360	764	40	
1,353	Bird Island.....	Mrs. Nels Wangensteen	360	3,442	342	26	6,876	6 1/2	1 30	702	24	726	53	363	360	764	57	
1,320	Bovey.....	Mrs. Alma Kaus	1,620	8,608	855	49	17,245	13	5 00	4,794	96	4,890	363	906	2,474	3,738	2 83	
1,117	Brown Valley.....	Mrs. L. Aldrich	540	4,118	652	58	6,130	5	1 00	1,772	55	1,772	1 50	198	541	1,215	1 09	
1,914	Buffalo.....	Jerome Marturano	540	6,300	596	31	7,788	4	1 27	1,046	55	1,101	55	512	540	1,003	5 19	
1,462	Buhl.....	Celia Bouquet	2,690	12,435	585	39	19,991	13	1 05	7,520	51	7,571	5 14	422	2,916	7,584	5 19	
2,243	Caedonia.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie	720	6,048	1,319	43	7,100	20	2 60	1,587	81	1,668	55	776	786	2,107	56	
2,213	Canby.....	Mrs. Alberta Wilson	660	9,725	1,700	64	19,253	3	2 00	2,033	1,163	3,196	1 27	187	1,563	3,371	2 10	
1,605	Chatham.....	Elsie Ronholm	240	3,600	783	71	3,091	6	2 30	500	296	796	45	194	238	777	70	
1,403	Cokato.....	Helen D. Weaver	2,750	4,865	1,391	69	4,42	40	12	300	300	300	21	555	2,750	3,355	72 39	
1,321	Coleraine.....	Mrs. Loline Trotter	2,920	13,270	1,391	69	20,829	51	2 11	8,509	2,089	10,598	6 44	1,559	4,648	11,046	8 36	
1,854	Dawson.....	Mrs. Winifred LeBovsky	780	3,661	596	19	5,965	17	1 00	3,296	285	3,581	1 80	474	780	2,739	1 49	
1,386	Delano.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page	1,350	940	316	23	1,681	4	1 00	440	189	629	32	136	135	284	20	
1,399	Elk River.....	Mrs. Mary La Fontaine	840	4,635	1,240	88	2,774	15	3 26	1,422	56	1,478	1 02	661	840	1,667	1 19	
1,143	Fairfax.....	Mrs. Coral Homola	300	3,532	246	22	3,432	3	8 1/2	500	77	500	44	77	300	403	42	
1,191	Farmington.....	Mrs. Al Herbrand	204	1,860	1,060	55	3,264	1	15	150	36	186	88	234	204	438	23	
1,089	Foley.....	Genevieve Hyslop	431	3,364	609	56	7,352	8	2 90	924	70	994	85	404	431	855	79	
1,149	Fulda.....	Mrs. Eva Kieren	288	3,293	379	33	3,209	13	1 10	900	56	956	78	284	403	727	63	
2,247	Gilbert.....	Mrs. A. E. Anderson	900	8,401	893	40	28,932	12	2 10	7,000	67	7,067	3 12	1,570	3,148	7,107	3 16	
1,078	Grand Marais.....	Cecelia M. Taylor	360	4,866	448	39	3,879	3	16	525	446	971	49	268	360	628	58	
1,562	Hullock.....	Athena C. Jensen	710	2,040	493	39	4,93	2	25	.....	3	3	.....	125	.....	128	08	
1,353	Kasson.....	Anna L. Lewis	913	3,504	913	65	4,955	3	23 1/2	1,758	275	2,033	1 30	509	741	1,422	1 05	
1,807	Kewatin.....	Anna Munson	712	36	18,337	36	18,337	10	12	570	77,552	8,423	32	1,333	6,907	78,423	14 66	
1,651	Kenyon.....	Mrs. A. E. Anderson	431	22	2,701	47	2,701	1	12	459	39	497	28	213	260	492	30	
1,208	Lamberton.....	Dora M. Fisher	570	47	1,332	27	1,332	1	8	364	6	370	30	134	240	401	33	
2,443	Long Prairie.....		825	32	6,645	32	6,645	3	1 00	804	92	896	33	203	600	943	39	

<sup>1</sup>See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.  
<sup>2</sup>Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.  
<sup>3</sup>Public library giving school service.  
<sup>4</sup>Includes school and municipal appropriations.  
<sup>5</sup>School library serving as public library.  
<sup>6</sup>Salary paid by school board.  
<sup>7</sup>Salary paid in part by school board.  
<sup>8</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1952

Popu- lation (1950 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES					
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered				Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita*	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	<b>A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n. —Continued</b>			<b>3 Per Capita</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>												<b>\$1.50</b>
2,303	Madison.....	Mrs. C. W. Kells.....	1,559	10,331	1,152	34	18,688	8.1	33	3.00	2,500	1,113	3,613	1.09	797	1,890	3,062	1.33	
1,274	Minnetonka.....	Mrs. L. R. Culshaw.....	156	2,995	852	67	2,648	2.0	6	1.00	438	44	482	.34	179	153	340	.27	
1,913	Montgomery.....	Lena M. Lehman.....	540	1,699	433	23	6,300	3.2	18	1.12	800	31	831	.42	109	540	650	.34	
1,531	Monticello.....	Tha M. Horne.....	No report	received.															
1,603 <sup>4</sup>	Moose Lake.....	Mrs. Newell Anderson.....	180	2,322	168	43	5,289	13.5	4	2.00	464	153	617	1.19	423	180	631	1.02	
1,377	Mountain Iron.....	Mrs. George A. Kakkela.....	2,100	13,787	790	46	10,040	11.6	48	1.64	7,028	.....	7,028	5.10	1,166	3,250	7,035	5.11	
1,733	Mountain Lake.....	Mrs. Gladys D. Stoesz.....	775	4,783	1,04	64	10,738	6.1	19½	3.00	1,828	100	1,928	1.05	747	775	1,688	.97	
1,672	Newport.....	Frances Armstrong.....	295	2,652	1,399	70	2,951	4.7	13	1.00	1,823	43	2,168	.91	368	446	1,722	1.06	
2,012	Olivia.....	Mrs. L. F. Mahler.....	540	9,476	1,828	43	8,769	7.1	12	2.90	2,900	163	2,168	1.00	726	840	1,498	.94	
1,627	Paynesville.....	Mrs. H. A. Johnson.....	770	4,178	1,027	53	8,461	4.4	15	1.40	1,590	183	1,413	.57	816	770	1,756	.94	
1,928	Pine City.....	Mrs. Clara E. Dickman.....	103,600	10,188	1,188	55	20,764	15.6	53½	4.10	2,553	31	2,595	1.07	538	1,300	2,290	1.76	
1,594	Pine Island.....	Grace M. Wright.....	780	5,440	412	22	3,966	2.2	19	1.70	1,045	100	1,145	.69	215	780	1,051	.69	
1,399	Plainview.....	Mrs. Blanche Hovelson.....	840	4,451	498	35	5,898	4.1	22	2.70	1,285	10	1,295	.92	381	840	1,373	.98	
1,733	Red Lake Falls.....	Arlene D. Jonish.....	93,250	7,482	.....	.....	8,308	4.7	41½	1.12	1,300	.....	1,300	.17	300	.....	300	.17	
2,231	Roseau.....	Mrs. Walter Lundquist.....	1,140	4,400	1,337	60	9,569	4.2	27	3.07	1,140	324	1,464	.51	235	1,202	1,460	.65	
1,270	Rushford.....	Mrs. Roy Stephens.....	240	6,308	146	11	8,320	6.5	4	.....	1,500	475	1,975	1.18	344	240	829	.65	
1,548	Sandstone.....	Mrs. Hattie M. Boyd.....	480	4,705	428	64	2,114	3.1	9	2.00	581	1	582	.87	143	480	623	.93	
1,997 <sup>4</sup>	Slayton.....	Mrs. John W. Keyser.....	900	4,890	1,107	47	16,927	8.9	27	1.12	2,717	237	2,955	1.44	1,339	900	2,931	1.55	
1,887	Spring Valley.....	Mrs. Bertha Rafferty.....	840	8,699	1,072	42	12,266	4.9	36	5.00	2,300	230	2,530	.93	461	863	2,260	.92	
1,193	Stewartville.....	Mrs. J. A. McNeil.....	1,080	3,233	644	54	5,895	4.9	26	1.12	1,200	177	1,377	1.01	98	1,080	1,203	1.01	
1,121	Tyler.....	Mrs. Eugene Wells.....	295	1,697	408	36	4,488	4.0	57	2.00	1,774	25	1,799	1.58	490	295	1,465	1.31	
2,468	Wabasha.....	Clara G. Pfeiffer.....	1,080	8,607	867	35	8,001	3.2	17	1.12	2,000	681	2,681	.81	489	1,080	1,749	.71	
1,192	Walker.....	Mrs. Florence Stein.....	765	5,286	650	50	2,341	1.9	16½	.....	1,229	213	1,442	1.03	178	765	1,439	1.21	
1,779	Warren.....	Barbara Jamieson.....	9	1,969	532	30	3,186	1.7	40	1.12	100	75	175	.06	165	35	200	.11	
1,627	Waterville.....	Mary H. Farrington.....	305	5,190	406	25	2,241	1.3	12	1.00	517	26	543	.32	89	305	477	.29	
2,127	Winnebago.....	Florence Damon.....	840	4,250	2,469	90	6,855	3.2	15	1.90	1,400	.....	1,400	.66	92	840	1,400	.66	
1,686	Wumbrota.....	Mrs. Elsie W. Johnson.....	101,740	9,989	1,840	60	17,489	10.3	22	2.32	1,690	1,063	2,753	1.00	721	1,740	2,804	.71	

<sup>1</sup>See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.<sup>2</sup>Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.<sup>3</sup>Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.<sup>4</sup>Public library giving school service.<sup>1</sup>Includes school and municipal appropriations.<sup>2</sup>School library serving as public library.<sup>3</sup>Salary paid by school board.<sup>4</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1952

Popu- lation (1930 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita <sup>3</sup>	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
<b>A. L. A. Standard</b>																	
<b>1,000 Population</b>																	
929	Baudette	Mrs. Oswald Engb.	200	3,176	492	53	6,087	6.5	4 1/2	300	55	355	32	188	200	393	\$1.50
659	Belgrade	Mrs. E. P. Foverud	236	1,612	523	79	1,904	2.4	10	...	617	617	...	161	236	692	1.05
732	Blackduck	Mrs. Magda Bogart	120	2,246	676	92	3,807	5.4	4 1/2	534	10	544	73	33	145	283	.39
735	Browerville	Rose R. Bemis	120	2,754	206	28	3,397	4.6	5	221	...	221	30	116	120	251	.34
854	Calumet	Sophie Niegovan	1,020	5,168	491	42	8,799	10.3	28	1,622	509	2,131	1.90	918	1,116	1,762	2.06
650	Carlton	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster	540	2,888	270	38	4,770	7.3	12	1,230	22	1,252	1.89	666	540	1,283	1.97
961	Edgerton	Mrs. Frank Rohman	312	2,385	775	81	3,356	3.4	6	672	33	705	1.70	320	303	754	.78
962	Graceville	No report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
766	Grand Meadow	Mrs. Ada Schlegler	312	1,377	215	28	3,817	4.9	10	238	75	313	28	127	312	616	.80
702	Henderson	Margaret Foltz	702	4,975	152	20	2,041	3.9	6	763	118	882	1.00	191	...	272	.36
902	Hinckley	Mrs. Anna E. Burk	785	2,583	992	65	11,755	13.0	25	1,006	63	1,069	1.12	219	785	1,016	1.13
931	Howard Lake	Mrs. Edwin Raush	341	3,593	483	50	6,581	7.0	8	838	...	838	90	488	341	858	.92
828	Ironton	Clady's Sundt	600	4,714	648	76	5,022	6.0	8	1,002	25	1,027	1.21	256	744	1,000	1.21
336	Kinney	Mrs. Mamie F. Maki	850	7,703	347	40	8,999	25.5	19	1,131	...	1,581	4.71	530	965	1,701	5.24
863	Lake Benton	Mrs. Marie Delfelen	300	4,235	347	40	4,026	4.6	14	500	60	500	58	258	315	573	.66
959	Le Roy	Elizabeth Ann Price	390	4,050	451	41	4,394	4.5	10	1,027	147	1,172	1.07	190	390	1,156	1.21
729	Lindstrom	Mrs. M. D. Halerman	120	1,868	462	62	2,886	3.9	4	407	14	421	.56	39	120	290	.36
881	McIntosh	Delores Norvesson	212	1,274	281	32	2,511	2.5	6	600	19	619	.68	...	212	224	.25
196	McKinley	Mrs. Earl Dickens	1,080	1,321	109	56	1,311	6.7	12	1,227	10	1,227	5.29	340	406	1,299	6.47
867	Marble	Mrs. A. E. Hartzell	No report	6,326	578	67	4,705	5.4	24	1,514	3	1,517	1.75	353	997	1,489	1.71
507	Maynard	Mrs. A. E. Hartzell	361	3,061	361	38	9,096	9.5	26	718	1,341	2,059	.76	431	1,063	1,765	1.86
949	Morgan	Mrs. Frances F. Murdock	1,333	5,089	312	60	4,077	7.8	12	317	58	376	.61	303	243	656	1.26
520	Taylor Falls	Dorothy M. Starken	240	2,668	383	55	3,832	5.5	14	512	1,880	2,392	.74	245	455	1,394	2.01
693	Wabasso	Helen M. Hill	455	1,632	...	...	2,502	2.9	12	116	102	218	.14	49	240	292	.35
837	Watertown	...	240	1,632	...	...	2,502	2.9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>3</sup>Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.<sup>1</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.<sup>2</sup>Salary for part time service.<sup>3</sup>Endowment funds.

## COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE, 1952

COUNTY	Popu- lation Served	LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	Book Stock	Registered County Borrowers	Circu- lation	Circu- lation Per Capita	DISTRIBU- TING POINTS		Tax Levy In Mills	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES		
								Branches	Stations		County Income	Tax Income Per Capita	Books, Periodi- cals, Blinding	Salaries or Services	Total
Anoka.....	20,008 <sup>2</sup>	Columbia Heights Public Lib.	Lucille R. Hawkins.....	4	4	105,387	5.40	0	0	1.00	250	.73	2,720	10,786	15,430
Blue Earth.....	19,518	Blue Earth Co. Lib., Mankato	Mrs. Margaret Leonard.....	28,921	5,629	48,554	3.13	2	14	1.30	14,438	.83	2,763	5,366	12,537
Clay.....	15,493	Moorhead Public Library.....	Mrs. Coral Homola.....	7,925	3,761	4	4	0	0	1.00	300	.....	4	4	4
Dakota.....	24,648 <sup>2</sup>	Farmington Public Library.....	Mrs. Dorothy Jorgstad.....	4	211	4	4	0	0	.....	600	.....	4	4	4
Grant.....	9,542 <sup>2</sup>	South St. Paul Public Library.....	Mrs. Lloyd Haroldson.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	750	.....	4	4	4
Hennepin.....	147,266	Elbow Lake Library.....	Helen A. Young.....	98,540	2,014	599,846	3.87	24	57	1.89	93,729	.63	20,393	44,827	780
Isanti.....	12,123	Hennepin Co. Library, Mpls.	Mrs. L. D. Johnson, act.	7,155	1,252	20,061	1.66	0	9	2.00	6,501	.54	1,900	4,009	85,383
Itasca.....	21,133	Isanti Co. Library, Cambridge	Mrs. Ruth Smith.....	4	748	15,206	4	5	5	1.70	7,558	.....	1,190	2,410	6,076
Kanabec.....	9,192 <sup>2</sup>	Kanabec Co. Library, Mora.....	Mrs. Edw. Schultz.....	7,200	1,875	20,937	2.28	0	9	2.00	11,099	.61	415	663	5,989
Kandiyohi.....	19,234	Kandiyohi Co. Lib., Willmar.....	Lucy E. Lawatsch.....	10,286	2,081	24,954	2.35	0	11	1.00	1,760	.17	548	6,067	1,407
Koochiching.....	10,641 <sup>2</sup>	International Falls Pub. Lib.	Marie Knudson.....	4	720	11,152	3.29	0	2	2.40	1,478	.44	4	4	11,314
Lake.....	3,381 <sup>2</sup>	Two Harbors Public Library.....	Mrs. A. W. Hamilton.....	15,081	4,704	64,101	7.15	0	12	1.30	10,164	.84	3,420	10,874	16,116
Lyon.....	12,036	Marshall-Lyon Co. Library.....	Eugene G. McLaane.....	22,358	6,853	124,885	14	0	12	1.00	22,553	1.29	3,350	11,263	21,376
Martin.....	17,462	Litchfield Public Library.....	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon.....	4	803	1,996	2.34	0	0	.....	650	.....	1,387	8,690	13,106
Meeker.....	14,358 <sup>2</sup>	Nobles Co. Lib., Worthington	Lucille Gottry.....	11,319	4	22,132	1.21	0	13	1.00	14,148	.97	4	4	4
Nobles.....	14,512	Rochester Public Library.....	Mrs. Hazel Halgrin.....	4	4	21,976	.61	0	0	.....	3,000	.16	4	4	4
Olmsted.....	18,343 <sup>2</sup>	Thief River Falls Pub. Lib.	Mrs. Ruth Palmer.....	12,677	5,407	56,608	2.39	0	4	1.08	20,746	.57	1,269	17,378	20,738
Pennington.....	6,039 <sup>2</sup>	Ramsey County Lib., St. Paul	Mrs. Lauretta F. Oren.....	4	2,319	19,133	804	2	36	.....	5,640	.....	1,962	3,220	5,079
Ramsey.....	36,089	Ely Public Library.....	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis.....	11,044	2,781	47,476	4	0	10	.....	4,740	.....	812	3,088	4,966
St. Louis.....	45,732	Hibbing Public Library.....	Mary Ann Staudohar.....	4	1,663	4	4	0	28	.....	5,340	.....	812	3,088	5,340
"	"	Virginia Public Library.....	Mrs. Emmett Sund.....	17,150	3,500	20,407	47	0	33	.....	5,280	.....	3,046	2,080	4,460
Stearns.....	43,257	Stearns Co. Lib., St. Cloud.....	Mary Baker.....	4	1,623	5,071	46	0	25	1.00	15,882	.37	3,046	8,792	15,373
Steele.....	10,964 <sup>2</sup>	Owatonna Public Library.....	Audience Graham.....	24,485	2,807	64,188	4.89	0	35	.....	3,891	.....	4	4	4
Waseca.....	14,957	Waseca Co. Lib., Waseca.....	Willard J. Donohue.....	2,904	2,850	10,896	41	2	6	.....	21,787	1.56	5,774	8,910	16,683
Washington.....	22,686	Stillwater Public Library.....	Gertrude Gleason.....	4	4	4	4	0	8	.....	5,000	.23	4	2,045	3,289
"	"	Newport Public Library.....	Frances Armstrong.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	100	.....	4	4	4
Watsonwan.....	10,020	Forest Lake.....	Mrs. Elsie Brockmeyer.....	19,172	2,913	32,514	3.24	1	8	1.00	8,109	.81	1,118	4,962	6,713
Totals.....	578,644			296,217	57,448	1,358,839					303,039		54,051		272,725
	431,538 <sup>3</sup>														

<sup>1</sup>Has County Library Board.<sup>2</sup>Does not meet A. L. A. Standards for Listing: \$5,000 or \$10 per capita whichever is larger.<sup>3</sup>Includes only counties meeting A. L. A. Standards for Listing.<sup>4</sup>Public and county library statistics not kept separately.<sup>1</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from county treasury.<sup>2</sup>Receives \$9 mill from county; 1.59 mills from city of Marshall.<sup>3</sup>Receives 2.00 mills from county; 3.00 mills from city of Wadena.<sup>4</sup>Receives 2.00 mills from county; 3.00 mills from city of Wadena. Receives also receive county funds for over-the-counter service. The total county fund reported is \$10,133, a 2-mill county levy.

## ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1952

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Annandale.....	899	2,157		75	120	184	.20
Bagley.....	1,554		1,462	450		380	.24
Buffalo Lake.....	724 <sup>1</sup>	742	458		40	18	.02
Cannon Falls.....	1,831 <sup>1</sup>	1,778	2,025		279	119	.06
Canton.....	459	524	1,165		36	157	.34
Cass Lake.....	1,936 <sup>1</sup>	2,401	1,340		5	89	.05
Chaska.....	2,008	4,200	4,000	360	52	412	.21
Claremont.....	426	No report received					
Cook.....	482	1,370	3,374	400	260	630	1.31
Deerwood.....	572	3,000	450	115	17	106	.19
Dennison.....	163	668			45	46	.28
Dodge Center.....	1,151 <sup>1</sup>	3,500	2,080		97	95	.08
Elbow Lake.....	1,398	5,365	6,246	240	476	460	.33
Fosston.....	1,614 <sup>1</sup>	1,382	1,139	158	29	119	.07
Franklin.....	546 <sup>1</sup>	387				12	.02
Hancock.....	852	1,242	1,901	100	14	139	.16
Harmony.....	1,022	1,930	1,596	115	358	377	.36
Hayfield.....	805 <sup>1</sup>					4	.01
Hector.....	1,196	745	1,432	900	75	958	.80
Hendricks.....	781	No report received					
Jasper.....	840	545	1,266		100	104	.12
Lanesboro.....	1,100	4,100	2,596	300	362	587	.54
Le Center.....	1,314	3,243	5,500	413	71	574	.44
Mabel.....	788	2,286		150	63	214	.27
Mahnomen.....	1,464	5,000		600	100	700	.48
Milaca.....	1,917 <sup>1</sup>		2,340		114	98	.05
Nerstrand.....	228	3,000	3,433		323	315	1.38
New York Mills.....	977	No report received					
Pelican Rapids.....	1,676 <sup>1</sup>	1,528	225		12	41	.02
Perham.....	1,926	4,325		300	10	225	.12
Peterson.....	318	No report received					
Rose Creek.....	314	1,215	825	100	71	137	.44
Royalton.....	500	3,250		240	3	202	.40
Rush City.....	1,175	1,900	850	200		192	.16
Shafer.....	127	342			50	53	.41
Waconia.....	1,569	1,752	4,464	240	23	367	.23
West Concord.....	770	990	528	60	57	97	.13
Westbrook.....	1,017	1,821	1,694	100	10	141	.14
Wheaton.....	1,948	534		400	50	450	.23
Williams.....	414 <sup>1</sup>	500					
Grand Totals.....	40,801	67,722	52,389	6,016	3,322	8,812	
Population served.....	28,187						

## HOW DOES MINNESOTA STAND?

Minnesota counties need 100% of population served.

Minnesota counties—	28	28	6	0	25
Have	Below	26–	51–	76–	100%
	25%	50%	75%	99%	

Minnesota public libraries need a minimum tax income of \$1.50 per capita.

Minnesota libraries—	10	27	29	33	31	38
Have	Below	.26–	.51–	.76–	1.01–	Over
	\$ .25	.50	.75	1.00	1.50	1.50

<sup>1</sup>Because of low per capita expenditures (less than 10c) this figure is not included in Population Served.

<sup>2</sup>See table on county library service.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1952

## SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Libraries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Libraries	Volumes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circulation Per Capita	Books, Periodicals, Binding	Per Capita Expenditures Books, Periodicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expenditures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population . . . . .	3	937,578	1,600,245	1.70	4,409,700	4.7	295,695	.32	2,153,723	2.30
Serving 10,000-50,000 population . . . . .	16	270,740	557,695	2.05	1,537,467	5.6	76,813	.28	382,224	1.41
Serving 5,000-10,000 population . . . . .	25	175,581	397,778	2.26	977,063	5.5	49,506	.28	255,284	1.45
Serving 2,500-5,000 population . . . . .	31	106,050	248,551	2.34	527,016	4.9	24,872	.23	93,785	.88
Serving 1,000-2,500 population . . . . .	60	97,992	306,380	3.12	473,391	4.8	27,648	.28	113,787	1.16
Serving less than 1,000 pop'n . . . . .	25	19,008	76,758	4.03	109,945	5.7	6,421	.34	20,019	1.05
Giving county service . . . . .	25	578,644	296,217	.....	1,358,539	.....	54,051	.....	272,725	.....
Association Libraries . . . . .	40	40,801	67,722	.....	52,389	.....	.....	.....	8,812	.....
State Institution Libraries . . . . .	20	2	76,498	.....	406,858	.....	8,630	.....	62,009	.....
On the basis of population served . . . . .	.....	2,226,394	3,627,844	1.63	9,852,377	4.4	543,636	.24	3,362,368	1.51
On the basis of total population . . . . .	.....	2,982,483 <sup>1</sup>	3,627,844	1.22	9,852,377	3.3	543,636	.18	3,362,368	1.13

## Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds . . . . .	160
Libraries organized as separate county units . . . . .	8 <sup>1</sup>
Public libraries maintained by Associations . . . . .	40
State Institution libraries . . . . .	20
Total . . . . .	228

## With Public Library Service

Population of Minnesota (87 counties) . . . . .	2,982,483 <sup>3</sup>
Population served by public libraries . . . . .	1,606,949
Population served through county service . . . . .	578,644
Population served by Association libraries . . . . .	40,801
Total population served (75%) . . . . .	2,226,394

## Without Public Library Service

Urban . . . . .	12,030
Rural . . . . .	744,059
Total population not served (25%) . . . . .	756,089

<sup>1</sup>Eight organized as county libraries. In addition 17 public libraries give county service.<sup>2</sup>Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.<sup>3</sup>Figure represents total population—not population with library service.

## CONTRACT SERVICE TO RURAL SCHOOLS

School Year 1951-1952

COUNTY	CONTRACTING AGENCY	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Book Stock	INCOME			EXPENDITURES		
					School		Other Sources	Books	Supplies	Other
					Books	Supplies				
Becker.....	Detroit Lakes Pub. Lib....	86	1,563	14,478	\$1,563.00	\$270.00	\$642.74	\$2,272.26	\$196.48	\$570.76
Beltrami.....	Benidji Public Library....	23 <sup>1</sup>	768	4,024	807.10			670.14	66.51	66.98
Big Stone.....	Office of the County Supt..	26	438	3,300	386.00	26.00	21.00	372.61	14.70	5.28
Blue Earth.....	Blue Earth County Library	46 <sup>2</sup>	832	6,512	930.25	98.75		930.25	98.75	
Clay.....	Moorhead Public Library..	37 <sup>3</sup>	664	6,768	666.00	86.00		666.00	86.00	
Dakota.....	South St. Paul Pub. Lib....	1	21	4,000	25.00			25.00		
Freeborn.....	Albert Lea Public Library..	74	1,320	7,280	1,320.00	148.00	228.42	1,337.49	60.95	289.93
Goodhue.....	Red Wing Public Library...	36	615	2,076	615.00	70.00		581.14	72.00	
Grant.....	Elbow Lake Library.....	10	200	3,366	153.39			193.39	12.00	
Hubbard.....	Office of County Supt.....	19	750	3,935	401.00			334.24		5.00
Kandiyohi.....	Kandiyohi County Library...	34	669	1,010	1,051.50	74.00		1,051.50	17.95	
Lac qui Parle.....	Madison Public Library....	17	212		201.00	32.00		201.00	16.00	16.00
Lake of the Woods	Office of County Supt.....	8	146	2,308	157.88	29.43	30.00	157.88	29.43	30.00
Lyon.....	Marshall-Lyon Co. Lib....	21	278	10,235	331.15			331.15		
Martin.....	Martin County Library....	47	645	9,103	1,000.50	470.00		1,000.50	470.00	
Mower.....	Austin Public Library.....	69 <sup>4</sup>	1,199	4,898	899.50	299.50		899.25	39.75	260.00
Nobles.....	Nobles County Library....	43	697	1,730	1,408.00			1,406.73		
Pennington.....	Thief River Falls Pub. Lib.	25	331	4,637	375.00			250.55		
Polk.....	Office of County Supt.....	73	1,103	4,430	1,351.92			495.66	77.78	750.00
Ramsey.....	Ramsey County Library....	28	4,150	26,172	3,457.90	222.00		3,457.90	222.00	
Red Lake.....	Office of County Supt.....	11	161	2,724	177.58			107.99	.80	
Redwood.....	Redwood Falls Pub. Lib....	48	983	3,769	1,083.88	280.00	300.00	952.99	68.39	425.10
Rice.....	Faribault Public Library...	26	425	2,835	425.00	54.00		425.00	54.00	
Roseau.....	Office of County Supt.....	16	1,006	7,955	1,186.20		29.20	549.10	25.53	520.15
Sherburne.....	St. Cloud Public Library...	6	124	657	111.00	10.00	1.35	109.66	10.00	
Stearns.....	Stearns County Library....	115	2,734	12,425	2,741.00			2,741.00		
Steele.....	Owatonna Public Library...	45	780	2,522	780.00	90.00		807.98	29.94	86.41
Waseca.....	Waseca County Library....	38	511	3,338	892.53	76.00		744.59	76.00	
Washington.....	Washington Co. Lib.....	28	1,423	7,454	1,128.50	104.50		1,128.50	104.50	
Watsonwan.....	Watsonwan Co. Lib.....	35	637	3,033	614.00	68.00		614.00	68.00	

<sup>1</sup>Includes 1 school in Hubbard County<sup>2</sup>Includes 3 schools in Nicollet County.<sup>3</sup>Includes 1 school in Wilkin County.<sup>4</sup>Includes 16 schools in Freeborn County.

## Award Winners

Announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards was made on Monday, March 9, from the office of Mr. Frederic Melcher, donor of the medals. Rosemary E. Livsey, Chairman of the 1952 Newbery-Caldecott Committee, presented the medals to the winners.

Ann Nolan Clark received the Newbery Award honoring her as author of *Secret of the Andes*, selected as the most distinguished title written for children by an American author in 1952. The book was published by Viking Press.

The Caldecott medal, awarded annually for the most distinguished picture book of the year, went to Lynd Ward, American illustrator and author of the *Biggest Bear*. The volume was published by Houghton Mifflin Co.



## SALMAGUNDI

### The Rewards of Reading

Ways to get greater enjoyment from books are the subjects of a new book, *The Wonderful World of Books*. The book was introduced at a tea sponsored by the Library of Congress, the American Book Publishers Council, Inc., and the American Library Association.

The guests at the tea included a number of the persons who wrote chapters for the book, publishers, book dealers, and Government officials. They were greeted by Douglas Black, president of Doubleday and Co., Inc., and of the American Book Publishers Council, Inc.; Miss Flora Belle Ludington, president-elect of the American Library Association; Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress; and Victor Weybright, chairman of the board and editor-in-chief of the New American Library of World Literature, Inc.

An outgrowth of the Conference on Rural Reading that was held in Washington, D. C., in September 1951 under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture's Extension Service, *The Wonderful World of Books* is a nonprofit volume that represents the cooperative efforts of a number of organizations interested in encouraging more extensive reading of books. It was edited by Alfred Stefferud, editor of the Department of Agriculture *Yearbook*, and illustrated by Robert Osborn.

The book contains 72 articles on every aspect of reading for pleasure, including how to find time to read, how to read better and faster, how to use a library, how to develop a love of reading in children, and how to choose books for children and adults. The articles were written by 67 experts in various fields—educators, authors, librarians, publishers, booksellers, and farm leaders.

*The Wonderful World of Books* was published simultaneously in two editions—a 35-cent paper-bound Mentor Book, published by the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., and a \$2 cloth-bound edition, published by Houghton Mifflin Co. The sponsors are the Adult Education Association, the American Book Publishers Council, Inc., the American Booksellers Association, Houghton Mifflin Co., the National

Council of Teachers of English, the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, and the Department of Agriculture.

When the book was introduced, Mr. Black said: "Not only is *The Wonderful World of Books* a practical guide for librarians, parents, teachers, organizations, and farm leaders who wish to form reading clubs and discussion groups in their own communities; it is also a stimulating contribution to the history of books and reading in America. I am especially proud of how energetically the Committee on Reading Development of the American Book Publishers Council has been working with our co-sponsors of *The Wonderful World of Books* and of the fact that this Committee took an active part in organizing the Rural Reading Conference from which the book derives its substance and vigor."

### Personal

The Minneapolis Public Library recently lost the services of one of its outstanding branch librarians when Adelaide C. Rood retired. Miss Rood completed 37 years of devoted and uninterrupted service as head of the Sumner Branch Library. The entire community turned out to pay tribute to Miss Rood and presented her with a combination television, radio and record player as a token of esteem.

Dr. E. B. Stanford, Director of Libraries at the University of Minnesota, has released the following announcement:

"Following a careful consideration of possible candidates for the position of Principal Librarian in the Reference Department I have, with the advice of Mr. Russell and Miss Moen, recommended the appointment of David R. Watkins, Librarian of the College of St. Thomas, effective January 2. Because this is a key position involving both teaching and administrative responsibilities, care was taken to locate the best suited candidate, considering all present Senior Librarians as well as others not now on the staff.

"Mr. Watkins brings to the position not only teaching and administrative experience, but also a record of active participation in the work of professional organizations. His contributions to library literature have dealt

with recruiting, public relations, and standards for college libraries. In recent years he has served as chairman of several association committees. He is a member of the Council of the American Library Association, and last year organized and carried through the compilation of statistics for college libraries in the state, which later appeared in *Minnesota Libraries*.

"During the winter quarter Mr. Watkins has taught Library Science 70, 'Reading Guidance' in the Division of Library Instruction, in keeping with the library school's policy of drawing upon library staff members for occasional courses."

Ada M. Palmer, for 38 years librarian of the White Bear Carnegie Public Library, has retired. The library board has appointed Mrs. E. T. Butler as her successor. Anne Dougherty, Miss Palmer's assistant, will continue to serve in the same capacity under Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. A. E. Hartzell is the new librarian at the Morgan Public Library.

Glenn Lewis has announced the appointment of Maud Briggs as head of the public library's Municipal and Reference Branch. Miss Briggs succeeds the late Dorothy Ware.

The appointment of Leonard Pignatello as head of the Pillsbury Branch of the Minneapolis Public Library has also been announced. Mr. Pignatello, who succeeds Winifred Tyner after her resignation January 1, has served in the Visual Aids Service, the Technical Department and the Business Branch of the library.

Mrs. Gale Block is the new librarian at the LeSueur Public Library. She succeeds Carrie Cadwell, who recently resigned.

Mrs. Elsie Brockmeyer, Watonwan County librarian, plans to resign from that position as soon as the board can secure a professional librarian as her successor. She will continue to serve as a member of the county library board.

Myrtle Rundquist has announced the appointment of Gertrude Berg to the staff of the Moorhead Public Library. She will serve as children's librarian.

### Public Library Management

The Fifth Institute on Public Library Management will be presented at the Wisconsin Union, University of Wisconsin, at Madison on April 13, 14 and 15. The Institute will deal with public library building problems and will cover such subjects

as Operational Efficiency, Planning, Construction, Remodeling, Equipping, Decorating and Maintenance. Russell J. Schunk, Director of Minnesota Libraries, will speak on "Basic Elements of a Good Library Plan." Additional information as to the Institute may be obtained from the Library Division office.

### American Heritage

A number of Minnesota libraries have been actively participating in the American Heritage Project of the American Library Association. In addition to the metropolitan libraries, the Fergus Falls Public Library, the Kandiyohi County Library and the Moorhead Public Library have been actively interested in the program.

### Library Fire

An oil fire near the boiler room of the Winona Free Public Library put that institution out of service for a period of three days. Total damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

### Golden Anniversary

The Minneota Public Library celebrated its fiftieth anniversary recently in a very practical but unpretentious way. Instead of serving golden anniversary cake the staff simply continued to advance library service to the public.

The Stillwater Public Library also noted its fiftieth anniversary of service recently. An open house planned by members of the Library Board and the Business and Professional Women's Club was a feature of the observance.

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# BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

## Adult Books of 1952

Compiled by the Staff of the Library Division

*A selection of books for the small public library. Low budget libraries are urged to borrow expensive books from the State Library Division for examination before purchase. Librarians should check issues of THE BOOKLIST (American Library Association, subscription \$6.00 per year) when selecting books for purchase.*

### Non-Fiction<sup>1</sup>

- Adams, Cedric. *Poor Cedric's almanac*. Doubleday. 3.50. Comfortable, often amusing comments, odd information, helpful hints, gathered from Cedric's columns.
- Allen, Frederick. *The big change; America transforms itself: 1900-1950*. Harper. 3.50. "Contrasts changing modes and manners, but examines more closely the economic and political developments." Booklist.
- American Academy of Political and Social Science. *Social contributions by the aging*. (Annals, v. 279. Jan. 1952.) The Academy. 2.00. Collection of articles on a phase of this problem not always considered.
- Anderson, Edgar. *Plants, man and life*. Little. 4.00. "Where our plants, weeds, as well as cultivated plants, came from (since most of them are immigrants) and how they have developed into their present form." Retail bookseller.
- Applegate, Mauree. *Everybody's business—our children; a book for teachers and parents*. Row. 3.00. "A teacher talks informally to parents and other teachers . . . takes the view that parents and teachers have an equal share in the upbringing of today's children, and that each needs to understand what the other is trying to accomplish." Booklist.
- Ashton, Pearl. *Everyone can paint fabrics*. Crowell. 3.95. Designs and instructions for stenciling and freehand painting on clothing, household linens, and accessories.
- Baker, Nina. *Cyclone in calico; the story of Mary Ann Bickerdyke*. Little. 3.50. Biography of a Civil War nurse.
- Barr, Stringfellow. *Citizens of the world*. Doubleday. 3.00. "An expansion of the author's pamphlet, *Let's join the human race*, recommending an International Development Authority." St. cat.
- Boni, Margaret; ed. *Fireside book of favorite songs: arranged for the piano by Norman Lloyd*. Simon. 5.00. Words and music for 131 songs arranged in three groups: I. Only yesterday: from 1890; II. Conflict and expansion: from 1850; III. Independence—on to the West: from 1776. Decorations and brief notes enhance the attractiveness of this useful collection.
- Brown, A. C., and Geis, S. B. *Handbook for group leaders*. Woman's press. 3.00. General handbook for leaders in such organizations as women's clubs, PTA groups, religious groups and farm organizations. Covers club organization, leadership, committee work, and program planning.
- Burbank, N. L. *House construction details*. [3d ed.] Simmons-Boardman. 4.95.
- Burt, William. *Field guide to the mammals*. Houghton. 3.75. "Field marks of all species found north of the Mexican boundary." Subtitle.
- Castro, Josue de. *The geography of hunger*. Little. 4.50. "Analysis of the causes of hunger . . . thruout the world and in all times, with suggestions for solving the problem by social and economic as well as scientific means." Bk. rev. dig.
- Chambers, Whittaker. *Witness*. Random. 5.00. "Chambers' own account of his life, his connection with the Communistic party and his repudiation of it, and of the Hiss-Chambers trial." Bk. rev. dig.
- Chapin, Henry, and Smith, F. G. W. *The Ocean River*. Scribner. 3.50. "A popular study of the Gulf Stream dealing with the scientific and geological aspects . . . and

<sup>1</sup>Check the list of A.L.A. Notable Books of 1952, *The Booklist*, March 1, 1953, p. 214.



- the sociological and historical influences it has had on mankind." Bk. rev. dig.
- Clark, W. H. *Gardening the small place*. Little. 3.00. "How to get the most out of the garden for the least time, work, and money." Huntting.
- Coggins, Carolyn. *Successful entertaining at home; a complete guide for informal entertaining*. Prentice. 4.95. "Suggestions on everything imaginable in the way of entertaining . . . Includes hints on outdoor entertaining, making things pleasant for the house-guest and the sick, house-keeping made easy, arranging games, and wedding etiquette." Booklist.
- Crouse, William. *Everyday automobile repairs*. Rev. ed. McGraw. 4.00. "Proper diagnosis of trouble is discussed and major and minor repairs are analyzed so the owner can do them himself or appraise intelligently any service work performed on his car." Booklist.
- Crouse, William. *Everyday household appliance repairs*. McGraw. 4.95. "Useful notes on various repairs . . . trouble charts and maintenance tips." Booklist.
- Dawson, V. D., and Wilson, B. D. *The shape of Sunday; an intimate biography of Lloyd C. Douglas*. Houghton. 3.50. Douglas's two daughters conclude the story of his life begun in his autobiography, *A time to remember*. (1951)
- DeMille, Agnes. *Dance to the piper*. Little. 3.50. Autobiography of the American ballerina who created the ballets for *Carousel* and *Oklahoma*. "Gives excellently well-balanced judgments of the great dancers . . . during this important and transitional period in the history of ballet." Bk. rev. dig
- Desmond, Alice. *Alexander Hamilton's wife; a romance of the Hudson*. Dodd. 3.00. "Reading like fiction, but based on carefully documented fact, this smoothly written biography is as entertaining as many historical novels." Booklist.
- Dewey, Thomas. *Journey to the far Pacific*. Doubleday. 4.00. "Travelogue of the author's tour of the Far East and Pacific area . . . He believes that a Pacific Alliance, comparable to the Atlantic Treaty, is important for America's defense." Huntting.
- Dole, Mary. *Trailing at sixty-five*. Exposition. 3.00. "A retired school teacher with a desire to see more of the United States decided that a trailer was her best way of doing it." Bk. rev. dig.
- Douglas, William. *Beyond the high Himalayas*. Doubleday. 5.00. Account of a trek through Central Asia. Describes "the terrain, the people, the way of life." Lib. J.
- Dubkin, Leonard. *White lady*. Putnam. 3.00. "His observations of a colony of bats, discovered by chance on a vacant lot in Chicago. He watched a rare albino, which he called White Lady, through all the stages of development . . . until a building project destroyed her home." Booklist.
- Evans, Mary. *Better clothes for your money*. Lippincott. 2.95. Facts about the manufacture of clothing and accessories and the materials of which they are made. Includes suggestions for the comparison of individual articles.
- Ewen, David. *The complete book of 20th century music*. Prentice. 7.50. Biographical sketches, lists of chief works, and separate discussions of important works. Arranged alphabetically by composer.
- Fosdick, Harry E. *Faith for tough times*. Harper. 1.75. Contents: The eternal is real; Vitality is mightier than size; Adequate power is available. Three lectures delivered in February, 1952, at the Pacific School of Religion.
- Frank, Anne. *Diary of a young girl; tr. from the Dutch by B. M. Mooyaart — Doubleday; with an introd. by Eleanor Roosevelt*. Doubleday. 3.00. Diary of a 13-year-old Jewish girl living in an Amsterdam warehouse during World War II.
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- Mowat, Farley. *People of the Deer*. Little. 4.00. Life of the Eskimos of the Canadian Barrens, by a man who spent two years with them.
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- Peale, N. V. *The power of positive thinking*. Prentice. 2.95. A self-improvement manual in which the author attempts to replace negative attitudes with positive ones.
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- Porter, H. V. *Official National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations All-sports rule book*. Barnes. 2.00. Contains rules for football, six-man football, touch football, soccer, baseball, basketball, and track and field events, with lists of state high school executive officials and National Federation publications. Diagrams of courts and fields and of referees' signals are included.
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- Brooks, Win. *The shining tides*. Morrow. 3.50. Fateful Cape Cod summer, during which the big speckled trout, Old Roccus, plays a part in several human dramas.
- Case, Victoria. *The quiet life of Mrs. General Lane*. Doubleday. 3.75. "Fictionalized biography 'of a woman who craved peace and instead became the wife of one of the leading figures in mid-nineteenth century America'." Bk. rev. dig.
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- Hartog, Jan de. *The distant shore; a story of the sea*. Harper. 3.50. Story of the captain of an unarmed Dutch tug, during and after the war.

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- Hemingway, Ernest. *The old man and the sea*. Scribner. 3.00. "An old Gulf fisherman, overtaken by hard luck, proves his tenacity and courage." Bk. rev. dig.
- Heyer, Georgette. *The quiet gentleman*. Putnam. 3.50. A gently humorous blend of romance and adventure in Regency England.
- Johnson, Pamela. *Catherine Carter*. Knopf. 3.95. "The London theatrical world of the 1880's is the background of this love story of Catherine Carter, actress, and the greatest actor of his time, Henry Peverel." Bk. rev. dig.
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- Keyes, Frances. *Steamboat Gothic*. Messenger. 3.75. Novel about "a one-time gambler on the Mississippi River, who married a Civil War widow . . . took her to a spectacular mansion on the river . . . and became a highly respected plantation owner." Booklist.
- Lancaster, Bruce. *The secret road*. Little. 3.50. Novel about General Washington's secret service around Long Island during the War of Independence.
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## *Library Activities*

### *District Meetings*

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Library Division of the State Department of Education

April 17-May 8, 1953

April 17—South St. Paul—Mrs. Dorothy Jorstad, chairman

April 23—Chisholm—Ann Malnar, chairman

Joint meeting (afternoon and evening) with the Arrowhead Library Association and the Range Library Trustees Association

April 30—St. Cloud—Mrs. Merle Lennartson and Mary Baker, co-chairmen  
Mrs. Henry Wilson, program chairman

May 1—Moorhead—Myrtle Rundquist, chairman  
Bernard I. Gill, program chairman

May 8—St. James—Mrs. Elsie Brockmeyer and Mrs. George Adrian, co-chairmen

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Watonwan County Library

Tentative Program for District Meetings

*Pointers for North Star Librarians*

9:30-10:30 A.M. Registration and coffee hour

10:00-11:00 A.M. Trustees meeting

10:00-12:15 P.M. Librarians meeting

*What's News—Who, Where, When and Why*

*1953 Legislative Developments*—Neil Riley, Legislative adviser,  
Minnesota Library Association

12:30- 1:45 P.M. Luncheon and exhibits

2:00- 2:30 P.M. *1953 Legislative Developments*, cont.

Question period

2:30- 4:30 P.M. *The Sense of Censorship*

### *Special Libraries Association Convention*

June 22-25, 1953

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont.

Pauline Hutchison, Convention Chairman

June 22

Convention-Wide Workshops

Reception at University of Toronto

June 23

Forum on Canadian Resources

June 24

Division Meetings

June 25

Division Program

### *American Library Association Annual Convention*

Los Angeles, June 21-27, 1953

Headquarters—Biltmore and Statler Hotels